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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/666,513	Applicant(s) SCHMIDT ET AL.	
	Examiner Gregory S. Emch	Art Unit 1646	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5/15/2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Formal Matters

Applicants' amendment filed May 15, 2005 is acknowledged. Claims 2 and 15 are pending and under examination in this office action.

Claim Rejections Withdrawn

The rejection of claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and (e) is withdrawn in response to Applicants' amendment of claim 15, as set forth in the Response filed May 15, 2005.

The rejection to claims 2 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as indefinite in the phrase "having (or "has") the N-terminal amino acid sequence" is withdrawn in response to Applicants' amendment of claims 2 and 15, as set forth in the Response filed May 15, 2005.

New and remaining issues are set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

The rejection to claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as claiming the same invention as claim 2 in U.S. Serial No. 10/665,867 is maintained. Applicants assert that they will consider canceling claim 2 in the '867 application once the rejection is made non-provisional.

The rejection to claim 15 under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 15 of U.S. Serial No. 10/665,867 is

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maintained. Applicants assert that they will consider filing a Terminal Disclaimer once the rejection of claim 15 of the instant application is made non-provisional, however until the Terminal Disclaimer is received, the rejection is maintained.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 2 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 2 and 15 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite in the phrase "shown in" SEQ ID NO: 2. The phrase "as shown in" is vague and indefinite because it is not clear whether the term is directed to the full-length amino acid of SEQ ID NO: 2, or to a portion of SEQ ID NO: 2. The metes and bounds of the claim thus cannot be ascertained. If the claim language was amended to include the phrase "of" SEQ ID NO: 2 the rejection would be obviated.

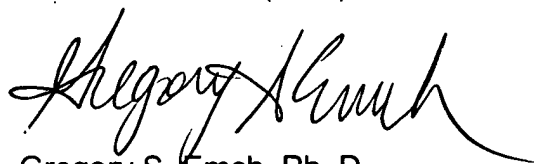
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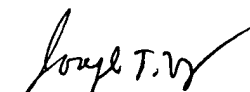
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory S. Emch whose telephone number is (571) 272-8149. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony C. Caputa can be reached at (571) 272-0829. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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